

ANNUAL REPORT TO LEYBURN R.D. COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1940



OCT., 1941.

A. 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA	...	...	...	...	...	...	63613 ACRES
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	...	8646
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	1747
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£25075
PRODUCE OF 1D. RATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£99
ESTIMATED POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	...	6769

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

		Male	Female	
Births	Live Births { Legitimate	...	41	...
	Illegitimate	...	4	4 }
Still Births { Legitimate	...	1	...	1 }
	Illegitimate	...	0	1 }

Birth-rate per 1000, 13 Average 14.6
Male, 38 Female, 49 — 87

Deaths

Death-rate per 1000, 12.8 Average 14.6

Deaths from Childbirth Sepsis 0
Other Causes 0

Deaths under 1 year :—

Legitimate, 7 Illegitimate, 0 — 7 — 79 per 1000 births

Deaths from Measles — 0

” Whooping Cough — 0

” Diarrhoea, under 2 years — 0

” Cancer — 13

” Diphtheria — 0

3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospital Accommodation

A — Fever. Arrangements exist with Richmond for the reception of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid, cases in their Hospitals under a Joint Hospital Board.

Smallpox. Arrangements exist with Darlington for the isolation and treatment of Smallpox.

B — Hospital accommodation for Tubercular, Maternity, Children and Orthopædics falls within the purview of the County Council. Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and Homeless Children in the Area are dealt with under the new Poor Law.

Ambulances

AMBULANCES. Ambulances can be obtained from :—

By subscribers, from Memorial Hospital, Darlington.

Ambulances for Infectious cases are sent from Richmond or Thirsk at the request of the M.O.H.

The District needs an Ambulance ; preferably a trailer.

Public Health Officers

The Officers of the District Council are a Medical Officer and a Sanitary Inspector, the latter, Mr. Sutton, being qualified and certified.

Nursing

There is a District Nurse at Leyburn, who supervises Leyburn, Barden, Bellerby and Spennithorne.

There is another at Redmire, who visits Preston, Wensley, Redmire and Castle Bolton.

There is a District Nurse for Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-willows and Constable Burton.

There is a District Nurse at East Witton, who also serves Thornton Steward, Middleham and Coverdale.

The District Nurses act as Midwives.

Laboratory Facilities

Free examination of Swabs. Doctors make their own arrangements.
Sputum examined for tubercle at expense of County Council.

Free provision of Diphtheria anti-toxin.

Bye-Laws

Building and Street Byelaws have proved of value.

There is a Town Planning Scheme.

The R.D. Council provide Diphtheria immunization. Immunization is offered to all through their own Doctor, the Council will pay 5/- for each case immunised.
Not enough advantage is taken of this offer.

Immunisation is also carried out at the Schools.

C. & E.

4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Patrick Brompton, Preston, Harmby, Bellerby, and part of Carlton Highdale, have piped water supplies under the control of the Council.

The supply at Bellerby failed during the summer due to the newly laid 8 inch main of the Bedale R.D.C. conveying all the available water to Bedale district.

The dam that was inserted by the Bedale R.D. Council will have to be extended or trouble will occur annually.

The village supply was restored and maintained after a lot of delay, by means of a pump and electric motor. This was working for several weeks until rainfall replenished the springs.

Preston Village Supply has received attention. The mains have been cut at several points, and much corrosion removed. These mains are of 2' and 2½" galvanised iron, and need to be renewed throughout.

Agglethorpe, Arrathorne, East Witton, Finghall, East Srafton, West Srafton, Carlton, Spennithorne, Redmire, Castle Bolton, Melmerby and Wensley have pipe supplies privately owned.

Plans have been prepared for proper supplies to the villages of Preston, Newton-le-Willows and West Witton. The Council's engineer was also instructed to get out water schemes for Constable Burton, East and West Hauxwell, Hunton, Patrick Brompton and Thornton steward. All these are held up.

Sewerage

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Castle Bolton, East Witton and Swinithwaite have stoneware sewers laid to sewerage works. Preston, Newton-le-Willows and West Witton are to be sewerized in the near future. Plans are being prepared in respect of Bellerby, Harmby, Hunton and Preston.

At Leyburn, crude sewerage was found to have access to the Hetton Beck. This is receiving the attention of the Engineer.

Scavenging

The Council undertakes to remove house refuse in the parishes of Middleham and Leyburn. They undertake the removal of house refuse and the cleansing of privies in the parishes of Arrathorne, Hunton and Hornby. The refuse tips at Middleham and Leyburn are unsuitable. Night soil is deposited on arable land but with increasing difficulty.

The whole of the Rural District ought to be scavenged, and the refuse disposed of either by an incinerator or on properly controlled tips. The tips at Leyburn and Middleham are controlled.

Rivers & Streams

Streams at Carlton, Harmby, Bellerby, Hunton and West Witton are all being polluted by domestic sewerage. The provision of sewers in these villages is an urgent necessity.

Camp and Camp Sites

There are no camps or camp sites in the district.

Sanitary Inspector

	Inspections made.		Notices served.		
	Inspections	Informal notice	Complied	Statutory notices	Complied
Council's Works	183	—	—	—	—
Housing	3	2	2	—	—
Dairies, Cowsheds	5	3	3	—	—
Workshops	—	—	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—
Total	191	5	5	—	—

Disinfection

Disinfection. Fumigation by Formalin of 8 premises was carried out during the year. A Portable "Sack" Steam Disinfector for formites is needed.

Meat

The slaughtering of animals is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Food. Meat animals are graded at Leyburn, and are sent by road and rail to Darlington and elsewhere for slaughter. Meat arrives in Leyburn, on lorries, dressed. The Ministry have agreed that this is not satisfactory, and a slaughterhouse at Leyburn is being altered. As soon as these alterations are completed, it will be brought into use.

Milk

There are 307 wholesale and 31 retail purveyors of milk. Structural improvement of Cowsheds have slowed up considerably. Materials being difficult to obtain.

Schools

The Schools are fairly satisfactory.

Privies should be converted into Earth Closets and cleaned out frequently.

Swimming Pools
Bed Bugs

None in area.

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5. HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1940.

Housing

The Evacuation Scheme and other Civil Defence measures were carried out by the Sanitary Inspector upon the Council's instructions. This work made it impossible to carry out any systematic housing inspections during the year.

Eight houses were completed at Park Lane, Middleham, being built by the Council. They were to be let to the people now occupying houses which are to be demolished under Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936. The arrival of more evacuees and a large body of troops resulted in 3 houses being used as a Hostel, and 5 were requisitioned by the War Department.

Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :

The undermentioned are particulars of houses known to be overcrowded. In many cases the dwellings are unfit for human habitation. It is impossible to keep accurate records of dwellings that are overcrowded as a result of the war, i.e. houses where bombed out friends or relatives are staying for an indefinite period, or where the wives and families of serving men are lodged. The latter usually move off as soon as their husbands are transferred to another district. Care has been taken to ensure that official evacuees are not placed in overcrowded dwellings.

A—(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	16
2)	Number of families therein	...	...	...	16
(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	100
B—	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported in year	...	...	...	0
C—(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved in year	...	...	...	2
(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	11
D—	Particulars of any cases in which Dwellinghouses again became overcrowded after Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	NIL			

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6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Age—	1	1	2	3	4-5	10	15	20	35	45	55	Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	
Small Pox												Nil	Nil	Nil	
Diphtheria						1						1	Nil	Nil	
Scarlet						1	2	6	2	1	2	1	15	15	Nil
Puerperal												0	Nil	Nil	
Pneumonia									1	2	1	2	6	Nil	Nil

General

No Vaccinations or Re-Vaccinations have been performed by M.O.H.
Influenza, some Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria occurred.

13 deaths.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases notified—Nil. Treated at home—Nil. Vision unimpaired—Nil.

Tuberculosis Notifications.

AGE	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
25	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64 up	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
	2		2	2	1	1	1	1

Reported from Registrar General :

Pulmonary Deaths, 2. Non-Pulmonary, 1. Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 0.

No action under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, was required.

Things requiring attention :

Scavenging for the whole district, and the acquisition of suitable tips for the disposal of refuse.

Houses have been provided by the Council to take the place of those scheduled as unfit for human habitation, but are occupied by H.M.F. As a result there is gross overcrowding in one household.

I AM,

YOURS OBEDIENTLY,

GEORGE COCKCROFT.

